Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—May I know whether before sending this message for the inauguration the Director of Public Instruction knew anything about the constitution of the league in which the students were going to take part?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I answered this question. The pupils came to me and explained it.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—What was the political or State subject that they took up for discussion which is observed here as State and political matters?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I refuse to be drawn into a discussion about the agenda of the league.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Do the Government concede that the order has not been passed after an enquiry?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—May I know what exactly were the subjects?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Sir, I once said that I refuse to be drawn into a discussion of the agenda.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will he kindly inform the House further whether there is a serious situation to have such a ban?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The ban itself is not serious.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—It is shutting out the whole student population from politics.

Girl students of Bolghatty—detention at the Bolghatty-Ernakulam ferry jetty.

328. Mr. P. Sankunni Menon *(Elamkunnapuzha).*—

(a) Are the Government aware of the fact that the girl students of Bolghatty, studying in St. Mary's High School, Ernakulam, and returning after their School anniversary on

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16th January 1937, were detained at Ernakulam by the Bolghatty-Ernakulam ferry contractor till 9 p.m. that day;

(b) if so, what action have the Government taken in the matter?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. P. Sankunni Menon *(Elamkunnapuzha).*—Has any enquiry been made?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Sankunni Menon *(Elamkunnapuzha).*—By whom?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—By the then acting Inspector of Schools.

329. Mr. P. Sankunni Menon *(Elamkunnapuzha).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are in receipt of

(a) a petition from Bolghatty girl students studying in St. Mary's High School, Ernakulam, submitted to their Headmistress on 18th January 1937, stating the grievances they suffered at the hands of the Bolghatty-Ernakulam ferry contractor on 16th January 1937 between 7-30 p. m. and 9 p. m.;

(b) another petition from the parents and guardians of these girls to the Director of Public Instruction through the Headmistress of St. Mary's High School, Ernakulam, about the undue detention of their children at Ernakulam till late at night on 16th January 1937;

(c) what all steps have the Government taken to redress the grievance of the petitioners?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) No. A petition from some of the pupils of the L. M. C. Convent Girls' High School, Ernakulam, forwarded by the Manager with her letter dated 1st February 1937 was received on 8th February 1937.

(c) The matter is engaging attention of the Government.

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Mr. P. Sankunni Menon (*Elamkunnapuzha*).—Here also enquiries have been made?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Here also enquiries were made.

Article in Malabar Mail regarding ill-treatment of a student of the St. Albert's High School by the ferry contractor.

330. **Mr. P. Sankunni Menon** (*Elamkunnapuzha*).—(a) Is the attention of the Government drawn to an article in 'Malabar Mail' dated 9th February 1937 depicting the way in which the ferry contractor treated a student studying in St. Albert's High School, Ernakulam;

(b) what action have the Government taken in the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under enquiry.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Who makes the enquiries?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—The Tahsildar has concluded his enquiry and I am making a personal enquiry.

331. **Mr. P. Sankunni Menon** (*Elamkunnapuzha*).—(a) Is the attention of the Government drawn to another article in 'Malabar Mail' dated 16th February 1937 under the heading 'കടത്തുകാർ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ പ്രഹരിക്കുന്നു';

(b) what action bave the Government taken in the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) Yes.

(b) Enquiries are being made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Here also the enquiry is made by the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—I am also making personal enquiries.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—They beat the students. That is the complaint here. May I know why the Police were not asked to enquire into the matter?

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